

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 18-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6-17 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 2-5 are amended and claims 18-32 are added. Support for new claims 18-32 can be found in the specification including the original claims and the figures, for example, see Figure 5. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

As at least claim 1 has not been amended, Applicant respectfully requests that if any subsequent Office Action is issued in response to this amendment, that it be non-final if a new reference is cited pertaining to claim 1.

**I. Objections**

The Office Action objects to the specification and claims 2 and 3 for various informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments obviate the grounds for the objections. Withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

**II. 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph**

The Office Action rejects claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments obviate the grounds for the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**III. 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Yao et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,482,062) (hereinafter Yao). Because Yao fails to disclose or suggest all the features of the claims and because Yao was filed after the priority date of the present application, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that Yao was filed on February 18, 2000. The priority dates for the present application are March 20, 1999 and April 20, 1999. As such, Applicant submits that Yao is not prior art. Applicant further submits that a certified English Translation of the priority documents will be forthcoming.

Additionally, Yao fails to disclose or suggest, as recited in claim 1, at least the feature of a lubricant thin film layer formed on a front surface of the backplate having barrier ribs and a phosphor material layer formed on the lubricant thin film layer. Rather, Yao discloses a method of forming barrier ribs utilizing a lubricant to aid in release of a rib paste from a roller. See Yao column 10, lines 45-50. The release agent does not appear to be present after the barrier ribs are formed. See Yao, Figures 10C and 10D.

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as their added features and the combinations thereof. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**IV. New Claims 18-32**

By this Amendment, claims 18-32 are added to the Application. Claims 18-32 broadly recite features of the preferred embodiment(s). It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are allowable over the references of record for the reasons discussed above in connection with claims 1-5.

Specifically, claims 18-19 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, as well as their added features and the combinations thereof. Claim 20 recites a lubricant thin film formed on a backplate having barrier ribs to uniformly coat a phosphor material on the backplate irrespective of the shape and height of the barrier ribs, which is not disclosed or suggested by the cited art. Claim 21 depends from claim 20 and is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21, as well as its added features and the combination thereof.

Additionally, claim 22 recites a Plasma Display Panel (PDP), which includes a lubricant thin film layer formed on a surface of both the back plate and the barrier ribs and a phosphor material layer formed on the barrier ribs, which is also not disclosed by the cited art, and claims 23-32 depend from claim 22 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 22, as well as their added features and the combinations thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Laura L. Lee, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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